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Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An artificial cover for covering an underlying structure, comprising:

a first side with a three-dimensional rock pattern protruding from the first side,
wherein the three-dimensional rock pattern includes a plurality of three dimensional rock-shaped protrusions extending from the first side at acute angles; and

a second side configured to contact and attach to the underlying structure; and
a colorant disposed in the three-dimensional rock pattern, the colorant incorporated as part of a matrix of the artificial cover;

wherein the artificial cover has a sufficient rigidity to prevent sagging upon securing the artificial cover to the underlying structure;

wherein the artificial cover does not include a reinforcing liner in the matrix of the artificial cover.

2. (Currently Amended) The artificial cover according to claim 1, wherein the artificial cover comprises a material selected from is comprised of the group consisting of:
polyurethane, plastic, rubber, fiberglass, and carbon fiber.

3. (Original) The artificial cover according to claim 1, wherein the underlying structure is a foundation of a home.

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4. (Original) The artificial cover according to claim 1, wherein the underlying structure is a stair case.

5. (Original) The artificial cover according to claim 1, wherein the artificial cover attaches to the underlying structure with screws.

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21. (New) The artificial cover according to claim 1, wherein the upper portions of the three dimensional rock-shaped protrusions extend from the first side at acute angles.
22. (New) An artificial cover for covering an underlying structure, comprising:
- a first side with a three-dimensional rock pattern protruding from the first side;
 - and
 - a second side configured to contact and attach to the underlying structure; and
 - a colorant disposed in the three-dimensional rock pattern, the colorant incorporated as part of a matrix of the artificial cover;
- wherein the artificial cover has a sufficient rigidity to prevent sagging upon securing the artificial cover to the underlying structure;
- wherein the artificial cover does not include a reinforcing liner in the matrix of the artificial cover.
23. (New) The artificial cover of claim 22, wherein the three-dimensional rock pattern includes a plurality of three dimensional rock-shaped protrusions extending from first side, wherein the upper portion of the three dimensional rock-shaped protrusions extend outward at acute angles.
24. (New) The artificial cover according to claim 22, wherein the artificial cover comprises material selected from the group consisting of: polyurethane, plastic, rubber, fiberglass, and carbon fiber.

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25. (New) The artificial cover according to claim 22, wherein the underlying structure is selected from the group consisting of: a foundation of a home, a staircase, and any combinations thereof.

26. (New) The artificial cover according to claim 1, wherein the artificial cover attaches to the underlying structure with screws.

27. (New) The method of claim 12, before coating the mold with the urethane release, further comprising forming the mold such that the three-dimensional rock pattern includes a plurality of rock-shaped protrusions extending from the artificial cover at acute angles.

28. (New) The method of claim 27, wherein the upper portions of the rock-shaped protrusions extend outward at acute angles.

29. (New) A method for forming an artificial cover, configured to be secured to an underlying structure, comprising the steps of:

coating a three dimensional rock pattern mold with a urethane release;

introducing a colorant to the mold to give the pattern a natural look;

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applying sufficient polyurethane to the mold such the artificial cover includes structural integrity sufficient to prevent sagging when secured to the underlying structure; and

curing the mold such that the colorant is incorporated into the matrix of the polyurethane.

removing the artificial cover from the mold.

30. (New) The method of claim 29, further comprising touching up imperfections in the artificial cover.

31. (New) The method of claim 30, further comprising coating the artificial cover with a protective coating.

32. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein the protective coating comprises a polyurethane ultraviolet layer

33. (New) The method of claim 31, further comprising cutting the artificial cover according to measured dimensions.

34. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the colorant comprises an alkyd based paint.